

**Mayor's Council on Disability
Chattanooga, Tennessee**

**Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2007**

Sandra Booher, Chairperson

Bea Lyons, Vice Chair

Katie Jones, Secretary

Jill Hindman, Parliamentarian

Council Members:

Dr. Rick Rader

Jim Queen

Mary Ann Schenk

Tommy Gates

Gina Turley

Carolyn Boyd

Carol Martin

Gary Thornton

**Meeting called to order by
Chairperson, Sandy Booher**

In Attendance:

Mary Ann Schenk

Katye Jones

Sandy Booher

Bea Lyons

Jim Queen

Carol Martin

Carolyn Boyd

Tommy Gates

Phillip Stevens

Gary Thornton (last meeting)

**Amanda Stofan, City of Chattanooga –
Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs.**

August 2007 minutes were approved

**Several visitors were in attendance
and thanked by Chairperson Booher
for attending.**

**Gary Thornton announced, with much
regret, that he would be resigning his**

appointment to the Council due to relocation to California. He was a tremendous addition to the Council and he will be missed by all.

According to Jill Hindman, the Town Hall meeting will be held on October 19, 2007 from 9:30am until 3:30pm. Jo Anne Favors will be inviting all Tennessee legislators and others to attend.

Carol Martin reported on the Mentoring program. Blue Cross and Sun Trust are among the corporations having an interest in the program.

October 13, 2007, is GO!Fest at the zoo, from 2:00 to 5:00pm. October 22, 2007, is Art at the Tivoli. Artists with a disability will be able to present their works of art. Time for the event has

been set for 6:00 to 8:00pm. Career Day, a program for transitional students, will be announced later. Sponsorship packets were distributed. Handouts provided by the Mayor's Office are going to be circulated at the Culture Fest and other events to get the community thinking about GO!Fest. Also, the Mayor's office designed a new logo for the event. Phillip Stevens has built a Go!Fest website, and all were encouraged by Matt Lea, Special Assistant to the Mayor, to visit.

Jim Queen reported that Care-A-Van had a record month for September in transporting 3,900 individuals. Plans are in the works for increasing the service.

The playground at Warner Park which was built to be accessible to all with disabilities is in the process of being torn down by the City. Another playground is planned that will include a carousel, accessible playground equipment and an accessible softball field. Funding for this project is not yet available.

Amanda Stofan announced that the retreat for the Council members will be held immediately following the October 1, 2007, meeting. The training session will be three hours long followed by a second session with date to be announced. Also, the Office of Multicultural Affairs is sponsoring a faith based & community partnership workshop to inform the participants about the criminal justice system. Representatives from

the Public Defender's office, the District Attorney's office and the probation and parole office will be present.

Meeting adjourned by Council Chairperson, Sandy Booher

**Minutes respectfully submitted by
Katie Jones, Secretary**